

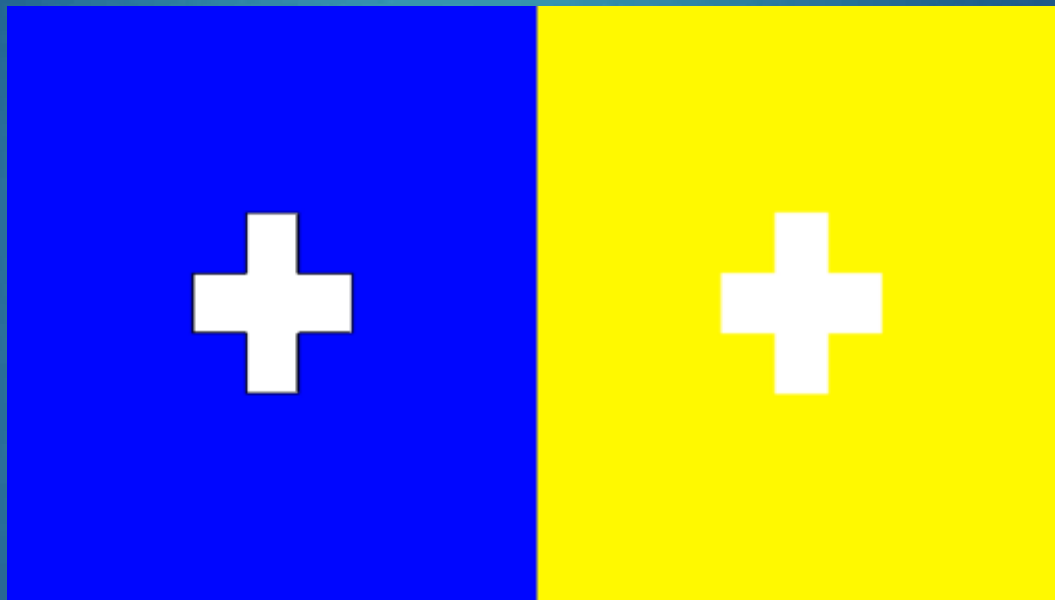


Spiritual Vision and Reconciliation

GENESIS 42

Impossible Colors

- ▶ Bluish Yellow or Reddish Green



Spiritual Vision

- ▶ A man losing his spiritual vision through hardship
- ▶ A man having spiritual vision through hardship
- ▶ People who lost their spiritual vision because of sin

Jacob

- ▶ A man with promises on the verge of defeat
- ▶ Broken by life
 - ▶ Rape of Dinah
 - ▶ Murder by Simeon and Levi
 - ▶ Death of Isaac and Rachel
 - ▶ Judah's evil sons
 - ▶ Joseph's "death"
 - ▶ Now famine

Famine- lack of God's promise

- ▶ Genesis 12:10- Abraham
- ▶ Genesis 26:1- Isaac
- ▶ Famine was testing of God's promise
- ▶ Egypt symbolic of sin and lack of faith

Joseph

- ▶ God brings remembrance the dream He gave Joseph in his youth
- ▶ Joseph did not act out in anger or bitterness.
- ▶ Joseph was able to do that because he saw the promise of God and the faithfulness of God beyond the circumstance.

Dream Killers

- ▶ God will use the very thing people intend to kill your dreams to make your dreams come true if you don't let the bitterness of the journey consume you.
- ▶ Put your hope in God and in due season the things (**Galatians 6:9**) which were meant to destroy you will end up being your deliberation and victory (**Genesis 50:20**).

Process of Reconciliation



- ▶ Reconciliation requires repentance
- ▶ Reconciliation requires work from both parties
- ▶ We must urn for reconciliation but we need not put ourselves in complete harm's way.

Reconciliation- The Heart of God

- ▶ Reconciliation = Full Restoration of Relationship
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, Romans 5:10, Ephesians 2:14-16, Colossians 1:21-22
- ▶ We must be a people of reconciliation as the heart of God is one of reconciliation.

Jacob's Sons- Joseph's Brothers

- ▶ Sin blinds us from seeing what God is doing 1 John 2:10, John 12:40 (Isaiah 6:10)
- ▶ They did not just have worldly sorrow and regretted the consequences, they regretted what they had done.
- ▶ His brothers in contrast could only see their pain from sin.
- ▶ DO NOT LET YOUR SIN PREVENT YOU FROM SEEING THE BLESSINGS OF GOD.

God Seeks Reconciliation

- ▶ If you are like Jacob, God wants to restore your spiritual vision.
- ▶ If you are like Joseph, God wants to use you to restore others.
- ▶ If you are like Jacob's Sons, God wants to free you from sin.